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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008**  
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### **Fleeing suspect fights police**

*Suspect and officers fall through ceiling during arrest*

Riverside, CA -- An Eastside traffic stop attempt turned into a search for a suspect who hid himself inside a home Thursday morning. A search of the attic by a K9 police service dog revealed the suspect's hiding place. The suspect fought the dog as well as responding officers. The ceiling collapsed during the struggle; officers on the main floor below arrested the suspect.

At approximately 9 a.m., Thursday, February 21, a Riverside Police officer attempted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation near the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Ottawa Avenue. When the vehicle stopped, the combative suspect struggled with the officer. He attempted to discard drug paraphernalia and he dropped a loaded semi-automatic handgun before fleeing through nearby yards to a residence in the 4100-block Ottawa Ave.

Police set up a perimeter and repeatedly asked all persons to leave the residence. The suspect did not emerge. A subsequent search of the house failed to locate the suspect. A K9 officer responded. The K9 service dog located the suspect in the attic, completely covered by loose insulation material. The suspect fought the dog, as well as the dog's handler and another officer. The suspect and officers partially fell through stucco ceiling, where the suspect was apprehended by officers on the floor below. The officers sustained minor injuries and were treated at Riverside Community Hospital. The situation was resolved around noon.

Adolfo RAMIREZ, 31, of Riverside, was arrested for auto theft, possession of stolen property, felon in possession of a firearm and resisting arrest with force. Ramirez is also being treated at Riverside Community Hospital for his injuries incident to the arrest.

A female associate, in the car with Ramirez at the beginning of the incident, was also arrested. Maria GUZMAN, 26, of Riverside, was charged with possession of stolen property, possession of an illegal weapon and parole violation.

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